



## December 2025 Newsletter

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### DECEMBER 2025 MEETING: Holiday Luncheon



**SPEAKER: Dave Harrold**  
**Patriot Service Dogs**

**Thursday, December 11 at 11:30 AM**  
Coconut Cove Recreation Center  
1398 Stillwater Trail, The Villages

Established in 2009, *Patriot Service Dogs*' mission is to train high-quality service dogs for honorable discharged military veterans, using the skills and dedication of incarcerated women. This dual purpose allows the *Patriot Service Dogs* organization to serve veterans and to uplift incarcerated women with life and job skills.

The deadline for reserving space for you, your family and friends has been extended to **Monday, December 8th**. [See the flyer](#) for more details.

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### **\* \* \* January's General Meeting \* \* \***

Timing is everything. January's general meeting will be Thursday, January 8, which means the newsletter will arrive on New Year's Day. Because you may be distracted by parades and bowl games, mark your calendar now so you don't miss an engaging speaker on a timely topic.

James Homich, Mayor of Mount Dora  
Recent State Legislation & Its Negative Impact on Local Government  
Thursday, January 8  
2:00 PM  
Fruitland Park Library

## CO-PRESIDENT COLUMN: Mid-decade Redistricting



The Florida House has started a congressional redistricting process, beginning with the December 4th meeting of the Congressional Redistricting Select Committee. This is a result of calls from the White House for Republican-led states to maximize House seats ahead of the midterm elections.

The League of Women Voters of Florida (LWVFL) opposes mid-decade redistricting for the following reasons:

- In 2010, Florida voters approved the Fair Districts amendment, which prohibits partisan redistricting. It is illegal.
- The U.S. Constitution mandates that states use data from the decennial census when creating district maps. The current maps were drawn in 2022 using the latest numbers. It is unnecessary.
- Focusing on redistricting diverts the legislature's attention from the important issues affecting daily life. It is a distraction.

Constituent feedback, whether through email, phone calls, or letters, does influence decisions. Objections to mid-decade redistricting may be particularly powerful, as they could provide legislators with reasons to resist a bill that could threaten their own positions.

Make your voice heard. [Contact information](#) and [sample messages](#) are available to assist you.

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## LAKE/SUMTER VOTER REGISTRATION CHAIR: Sandy Christian



It is with the greatest pleasure that the Board announces that Sandy Christian accepted the chairmanship of the voter registration committee for Lake and Sumter counties. She has been a member of the voter registration team as well as the speaker bureau.

Sandy was an election worker in Michigan for over ten years before relocating to The Villages in 2020. She joined the League in 2022.

Please join us in thanking Sandy for her willingness to serve in this important capacity.

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## ISSUES RENEWING

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[Portal](#) requires entering the email address on file with the League. If a member has multiple email addresses, it may be difficult to recall which one was used during registration.

If you experience this or any other difficulty trying to renew, please contact [Tina Getz](#), LWVTRI Membership Director. She can assist in identifying the email address associated with your membership and is available to answer additional questions.

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## BOARD BRIEFS

At the November Meeting, the Board learned that there is no need for election-related events for the Florida House District 52 special election since only one candidate filed, learned about changes in LWVFL priorities, and discussed attending Lobby Days in Tallahassee in January.

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### Let's Welcome Our Newest Members

Janice Porter  
Catherine Zimmer

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## FUTURE MEETINGS

General meetings are held in the Fruitland Park Library on the 2nd Thursday of the months between September and May, except for the Holiday Luncheon in December.

Meeting details can be found on the [Calendar](#) page of our website.

**January 8**

### **Recent State Legislation & Its Negative Impact on Local Government**

Speaker: James Homich, Mt Dora Mayor

Tuesday at 7 pm  
Zoom

**Interstate Contract**

Speaker: Anne Coppenhaver & Leslie Feinberg from steering committee for *Floridians for National Popular Vote*

*This Zoom presentation is an experiment to see whether members who cannot make our Thursday afternoon, in-person meetings would be interested in meeting by Zoom in the evening on a different day of the week.*

**February 12**

**Program Planning**

Discussion: LWVTRI's program for the next fiscal year

**March 12**

**Open Primaries**

Speaker: from TBA from *Open Primaries*

**April 9**

**Write-In Loophole**

Speaker: Carol Van Noy

*This presentation will be repeated in the evening presentation on Zoom on Tuesday, April 14 at 7 pm*

**April 14**

Tuesday at 7 pm  
Zoom

**EVENING ZOOM PRESENTATION: Write-In Loophole**

Speaker: Carol Van Noy

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**May 14**

**Annual Meeting**

Business Meeting: The only business meeting of the year will include elections of officers, approval of budget, and adoption of program.

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